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1. AT AUGUST 2 MEETING, POLADS AGREED TO SEPTEMBER 9 AS DATE FOR POLADS CONSULTATIONS WITH EXPERTS ON UNGA. US REP URGED THAT MEETING BE EXTENDED TO TWO-DAY SESSION. HOWEVER, ALL OTHER REPS PREFERRED HOLDING MEETING DURING SINGLE DAY, WITH LENGTHY SESSION BEGINNING EARLY TO COVER ALL AGENDA ITEMS.

2. POLADS AND CHAIRMAN ACCEPTED PROPOSAL BY US REP THAT THE IS PREPARE A REPORT FOR NAC REVIEW ON THE EXPERTS MEETING. DANISH REP INITIALLY JOINED OTHERS WHO HAD EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR CONSULTATION ONLY AT POLADS LEVEL BUT EVENTUALLY ACCEPTED REPORT TO THE COUNCIL AS DID FRENCH REP. FRENCH REP RESPONDED FAVORABLY DURING POLADS MEETING FOLLOWING PRIVATE
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DISCUSSION WE HAD WITH HIM IN ADVANCE. HE LATER TOLD US THAT IT WOULD, OF COURSE, BE UP TO THE COUNCIL TO DECIDE ON PLACING THE IS REPORT ON THE NAC AGENDA, BUT IMPLIED THAT THIS WAS MERELY A TECHNICAL POINT AND THAT HE PERSONALLY EXPECTED HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD NOT OBJECT.

3. AS TO THE AGENDA (PARA 6 REF B), CANADIAN REP SUGGESTED ADDING "PEACEKEEPING". US REP PROPOSED ADDING "POSSIBLE SOVIET INITIATIVES" AND "ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT QUESTIONS" (PER PARA 4 REF A). FRENCH REP SAID HIS AUTHORITIES WANTED TO DELETE "NORTH/SOUTH ECONOMIC QUESTIONS", SINCE THIS WAS ISSUE ON WHICH CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE IN OTHER FORA. THE IS INTENDS TO CIRCULATE A REVISED DRAFT AGENDA FOLLOWING ANY FURTHER COMMENTS AT AUGUST 9 POLADS MEETING.

4. US REP INFORMED POLADS THAT US EXPERT INTENDS TO PARTICIPATE IN PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS AND REQUESTED LEVEL AND NAMES OF ALLIED EXPERTS AS SOON AS THESE ARE AVAILABLE. PEREZ

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